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## GUIDE-BY- YOUR-SIDE

***A program  
for families  
with infants &  
young children  
who are deaf or  
hard of hearing***

Michigan Department  
of Community Health  
**MDCH**  
Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor  
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**EHDI**  
Early Hearing, Detection  
and Intervention Program

## What is the Guide-By-Your-Side Program?

This program can help you:

- Meet another parent who also has a deaf or hard of hearing child
- Answer questions
- Share information and resources
- Connect you with organizations that might be able to help:
  - Early On®
  - Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)
  - Intermediate School Districts

## Who are the Parent Guides?

**Parent Guides:**

- Have children of various ages who are deaf or hard of hearing
- Have been trained to provide support and information
- Will keep all information about your child and family private

## What happens after I have signed up for a Parent Guide?

- First, a local Parent Guide will call you.
- Second, a Parent Guide will meet with your family to provide information.



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# Quotes from parents

**The Guide-By-Your-Side service was created to support families with newly identified infants and children with hearing loss.**

*“When he was diagnosed we wanted to get as much information as possible. We wanted to meet other families who had deaf or hard of hearing children and learn about their stories.”*

*“I was excited to learn of all the resources that were available to me and my child.”*

*“I cried for a while, dried my tears and said what do we do now...”*

**The Guide-By-Your-Side service can help families to connect to resources.**

*“Who would have thought what a wonderful world was waiting for me?”*

**The Guide-By-Your-Side service can help families celebrate their child’s full potential.**

*“We are thankful for having such a beautiful child and many new experiences. He has enriched our lives.”*

*“Our daughter has affected our lives in so many positive ways.”*

# How can my family sign up for the Guide-By-Your-Side Program?

Choose from the following options:

Tell your child’s audiologist that you would like to meet with a Parent Guide. There you will sign forms that will allow your information to be shared with the Guide-By-Your-Side Program. Your child’s audiologist will contact the Guide-By-Your-Side Program.

Call (517) 335-8955  
and ask for a Guide referral.

Mail in the attached form  
in a stamped envelope to  
the address on the back.

# Guide-By-Your-Side Program

**My family would like to meet  
with a guide.**

Name of Mother/Guardian:

Name of Child:

Address:

Telephone Number:

County/School District:

Best time to be contacted:

Child’s date of birth:

Signature: